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“Hand tool for forming telephone connections – comprises pliers with reciprocally driven ram crimping clip around conductors against anvil”,
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